

Canvasser Minutes August 7, 2018 Election

August 8, 2018

Members present: JoAnn Hoag Linda Clark Sidney Hansen LaVel Smith

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by JoAnn Hoag. The Board engaged in discussion in the Grout Township issues from election day, commenting that they will not be able to review the paperwork until there is a re-tabulation done to correct the mistakes with marking the spoiled ballots at the end of the night. The Board set the date of August 15, 2018 as the date to handle all re-tabulations.

The Board then continued to canvass the balance of the election precincts will very little issues. It was identified that Butman Township would need to be re-tabulated also due to their count being off three (3) without explanation.

Adjourned at 4:45 p.m. until August 15, 2018

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Butman Township and Grout Township arrived with their canvass materials and precinct inspectors.

Butman Township were given instructions to hand count their ballots and cross reference their AV list to their voter list. (Members sent to the Law Library under the supervision of Lindsie Dillon to handle the tasks assigned by the Board). Butman did a hand count and found their total of 744 to be correct to the tape. The list of voters shows 741. After review of the AV list and applications, there were three (3) AV voters not placed on the list. No re-tabulation was needed and the precinct was certified by the Board.

The ballots of Grout Township were then inspected by the Board to remove the eleven (11) spoiled ballots that were duplicated at the end of the night by the workers. The Board commented that the stubs should have been removed from the spoiled ballots before being placed in the envelope. The stubs were removed by the canvassers. The Board then worked on separating out the 11 ballots that were marked "dup" and "org" and matched them together. Once successful, the incorrect ballots were removed and a physical count showed 411, but tabulation showed 412. After confirmation with Lori Bourbineau with the Bureau of Elections, the Board did a re-tab and certified the precinct with 411 votes. During the re-tab there was one jam which resulted in a torn ballot. The ballot was taped and read fine on the second attempt to re-tab.

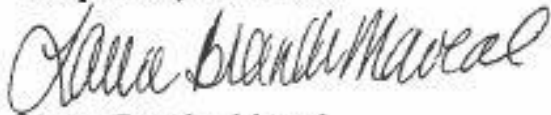
The Board listened to concerns from the inspectors of Grout Township and the Township Clerk answered questions that the Board had. There were many concerns that the Canvassing Board voiced, including the lack of a balanced working precinct, no balance in Republican and Democratic precinct workers, the Clerk handling ballots, list of workers not being provided to

the Chairpersons of the local parties and the deputy being present in the precinct as a listed candidate on the ballot.

The Canvassing Board then signed all reports and certified the final numbers to be submitted to the State of Michigan.

Meeting concluded at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Laura Brandon-Maveal
Gladwin County Clerk
August 24, 2018